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Period for Response

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Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/31/03.
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 39-40, 50-53, 63-66 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 39-40, 50-53, 63-66 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
 - ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The CPA 3/31/03 and amendment 3/17/03 have been entered.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 39-40, 50-53, 63-66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krishnamurthy et al (6389464) and Leong et al (6393475).

4. Regarding claim 39, Krishnamurthy et al show: an SNMP agent with direct access to configuration data (column 4 lines 44-54), an HTTP server (column 10 lines 30-47) and SNMP manager only accessing configuration data by communicating with the SNMP agent (column 9 lines 1-24, column 13 lines 16-36), a combined text interface generator and HTTP client only accessing configuration data by requesting the HTTP server and SNMP manager to communicate with the SNMP agent (column 11 lines 45-56, column 13 lines 30-45) so that all safety mechanisms are built into the agent for security (column 9 lines 1-10). Krishnamurthy et al may

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not explicitly show a combined HTTP server and SNMP manager, but do mention the combined text interface and HTTP client (as noted above) and the incorporating of data concerning the network management with the browser format. Furthermore, Leong et al do show combining the HTTP server and SNMP manager, to incorporate data concerning the network management with the browser format (column 3 lines 45-57, column 6 lines 25-40). It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to combine the HTTP server and SNMP manager in Krishnamurthy et al, because it would provide an efficient way to incorporate data concerning network management with the browser format.

5. Regarding claim 40, the HTTP server and SNMP manager generate HTML documents with anchors that contain identifiers for MIB objects (column 6 lines 27-45, column 10 lines 47-60). The combined generator and HTTP client transmits messages containing identifiers for MIB objects in response to user input (column 12 lines 20-36).

6. Regarding claims 52-53, Krishnamurthy et al show a user interface with a text menu system (Figures 5-6 for example).

7. Claims 50-51 and 63-66 show the same features as above and are rejected for the same reasons.

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8. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Steve Sax at telephone number (703) 305-9582.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steve Sax whose telephone number is (703) 305-9582. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, may be reached at (703) 308-0640.

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